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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated January 28, 2003, please amend the above identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1 (once amended) A method for operating a computer to facilitate a lease transaction, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a database for storing information relating to a plurality of equipment for lease including specifications for each piece of equipment and, if the equipment is currently being leased, the terms of the lease;

prompting a customer to select a lease transaction type for a specific type of equipment to be leased;

prompting the customer to provide information required to generate at least one document for the selected lease transaction type, the customer provided information includes criteria of the equipment and additional lease requirements;

matching the customer provided information with the equipment information stored within the database by applying predetermined search rules;

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